GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:88
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2002
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Population has been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made an announcement to provide Rs. 100/- crore for implementing the programmes of the said Commission;

(d) if so, whether the amount so announced have been provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTEI OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 88 FOR ANSWER O 06.03.2002 REGARDING NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The National Commission on Population is headed by the Prime Minister as Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission as the Vice-Chairman. All Chief Ministers, concerned Central Ministers, all major political parties, specialists, NGOs, private sector and media representatives are the other members of the Commission. The Commission is to :

i) review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy with a view to meeting the goals set out in the policy.

ii) promote synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes so as to hasten population stabilization.

iii) promote inter-sectoral coordination in planning and implementation across government agencies of the Central and State Governments, to involve the civil society and the private sector and to explore the possibilities of international cooperation in support of the goals set out in the Policy. and

iv) facilitate the development of a vigorous people`s movement in support of this national effort.

(c) to (e): The announcement made by the Government regarding provision of Rs. 100/-crore is meant for contribution as seed money to the corpus of the National Population Stabilization Fund. For this purpose, Rs. 50 crores each has been provided in the Central Budgets for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.